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Bartges: But Chris put it best when she said, This is—besides the 19th Amendment, Title IX is the single most important piece of legislation affecting women in the 20th Century.

Livengood: And she's right.

Bartges: Yeah, absolutely.

Livengood: And in a really broad sense too Ellyn it's the most important legislation that has affected men—and I mean in a broad sense so that part of it—when I say that some people really mistake that and say, You mean because of programs that had to be dropped? No. In terms of the difference that hopefully it will make in terms of young men who become fathers or young men who become whatever with nieces and that and understanding that the quality is [laughs] really what it has to be. So it wasn't just—it just didn't affect women in a really good way, it affected men as well.

Bartges: Absolutely.

Livengood: And again under the guise of the—you know, the right thing to do. And some would say and you mentioned it when you have daughters it may or may not be easier because you see it through those eyes but it shouldn't affect any of us whether we have daughters or whether we even have kids or whether we're—whatever. It's just—the—to think that we have not progressed and grown enough to understand what equal means and what equality means—there's lots of work to go. And our issue's going to be—and I do mean our issue is going to be trying to find more Charlotte Wests.